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OFFICERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. A. A. Edwards, Moderator ..... Winnabow, N. C.
Isaac Jenrette, Jr., Sec. and Treas..... Iredell, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

A. A. Edwards..... Winnabow, N. C.
N. Milliken..... Ash, N. C.
J. H. Long ..... Excelsior, N. C.
J. A. Mints..... Shallotte, N. C.
C. Milliken ..... Ash, N. C.
D. L. Hewett ..... Shallotte, N. C.
J. W. Tharp..... Iredell, N. C.
J. Bennett..... Iredell, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

N. Milliken..... Ash, N. C.
Thomas Lewis..... Shallotte, N. C.
A. C. Mears..... Calabash, N. C.
S. J. Stanley..... Shallotte, N. C.
A. A. Edwards..... Winnabow, N. C.
Samuel Frink ..... Shallotte, N. C.
V. Smith ..... Ash, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Be it remembered that the Brunswick Baptist Association met in its seventh annual session with the Missionary Baptist Church at Soldier Bay, Brunswick County, N. C., October 27, 1893.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. A. Edwards. Text, "The Lord is good, and a stronghold in time of trouble."

Recess for thirty minutes, after which the delegates assembled in the house. The Moderator called the Association to order by the reading of the 133d division of the Psalms. Hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul." Prayer, Elder N. Milliken leading.

List of churches called. All present. The Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

Brethren I. Milliken, H. M. Hewett and N. Milliken were appointed Finance Committee. Brethren J. M. Long and W. S. Milliken, Reading Clerks.

On motion, letters were called for, read and received, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Beulah—Alfred Bennett.
Chapel Hill—Samuel Danford, Thomas Lewis, G. M. Sellers.
Friendship—Jabish Frink, R. M. Long, Samuel Frink.
Long Branch—J. A. Russ. T. B. Stanley, Isaac Jenrette, Sr.
Magnolia—D. J. Parker, Bryant Long, R. B. Driver.
Mill Creek—G. T. Hickman, W. K. Arnold.
New Britain—J. A. Inman, R. C. Inman, T. J. Smith.
New Life—J. A. Simmons, Albert Edwards, O. L. Pruett.
Poly Bridge—Warren McKeithan, B. J. Simmons, A. A. Hardwick.
Prospect—A. B. Clemmons, Aysberry Simmons.
Shallotte—Isaac Milliken, H. M. Hewett, R. R. Milliken.
Shiloh—Represented by Letter.
Soldier Bay—Chrisenberry Milliken, Christopher Evans, L. M. Todd.

The Association then proceeded to organize, with the following results: Elder A. A. Edwards was elected Moderator. Isaac Jenrette, Jr., re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Invitation was extended to corresponding messengers and visiting brethren, when Rev. A. G. Stocks was announced from the Cape Fear Association and made welcome.

Invitation to churches wishing to join this body, when the church at Camp Branch presented a petitionary letter asking for admission, and, on motion, the following committee was appointed to investigate her orthodoxy: Elders Joshua Soles, J. A. Mints, Nathan Milliken, and Brethren Thomas Lewis and J. M. Long.

Committee reported as follows: "We recommend that their letter be tabled, and this Association appoint a committee to visit said church and report at the next session of this Association." On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

On motion, the letter was tabled, and the following were appointed as a committee to visit the church at Camp Branch for further investigation, and to report at the next session of this Association: Elders J. A. Mints, N. Milliken and J. H. Long.

On motion, the Moderator announced the following committees:

On Vigilance—J. P. Rodes, R. M. Long, J. G. Smith.
On Religious Exercises—L. M. Todd, J. A. Smith, J. P. Long.
On Ministerial Qualifications and Pastoral Support—L. M. Todd, C. Evans, D. B. McKeithan.

On Sunday-Schools—Samuel Danford, Aysberry Simmons, N. Milliken.
On Periodicals—R. W. Long, A. B. Clemmons.
On Missions—Oscar Pruett, C. Milliken.
On Intemperance—J. A. Inman, Thomas Lewis, R. B. Driver.
On Prayer-Meetings—S. J. Stanley, G. W. Sellers.
On Orphanage—J. A. Russ, A. A. Hardwick.
On Ministers' Relief Fund—George Hickman, Alfred Bennett.
On Constitution and By-Laws—S. J. Stanley, C. Evans, H. M. Hewett, W. S. Milliken.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder A. G. Stocks, accompanied with Elder J. H. Long, would preach at the stand at 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Benediction, Rev. J. Soles.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 28, 1893.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. N. Milliken, who read the 51st division of Psalms. Hymn, "Behold the Throne of Grace." Prayer, Rev. D. L. Hewett leading. Hymn, "A Throne of Grace." Prayer, Bro. Thomas Lewis leading.

Recess for fifteen minutes.

After which the Association was called to order by the reading of the 4th chapter of Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. Hymn, "I love the Lord, He heard my cries." Prayer, Moderator leading. List of churches called—all present. The Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Rev. E. L. Swain, accompanied with Rev. D. L. Hewett, would preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. to-day.

Minutes of yesterday read and received.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed, when Bro. A. R. Prince and Rev. Prosper Milliken were announced from the Waccamaw Association, Rev. J. Soles from the Columbus, and Rev. L. Sellers from the Cape Fear, and made welcome.

The Moderator announced that reports were in order.

Bro. S. J. Stanley read the report on Constitution and Rules of Order. Adopted. (See Appendix as amended.)

Bro. J. M. Long read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren: We believe that the Sunday-School work is the next thing to the preaching of the Word; and also, every church ought to have a good Sunday-School for the benefit of the children, as the blessed Lord has declared "to train up our children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it." We believe the Sunday-School is doing good work in the direction of converting many dear souls, and bringing our young people into the church of Christ, and we shall still pray the Lord to bless the work, hoping that our Baptist people will take courage and go on as Christians.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

And after remarks by Bro. A. Simmons, Elders A. G. Stocks, J. Soles and A. A. Edwards, was received and ordered on the Minutes.

Bro. C. Evans read the report on

MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren:—When we look around us we are surely convinced in our judgment, according to the teachings of God's Word, that we as Christians do abuse our own profession, and dishonor our covenant by neglecting our ministering brethren. If we withhold our temporal substance, then we deceive ourselves, forgetting that as we sow so shall we reap. We do for Christians neglect our ministers in a most abusive manner by not looking after their moral and Christian character.

Shall we, as Baptists, forget or neglect our known duty? God forbid. Then let us be up and doing while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Also our young ministers, who have been called of God to preach His Gospel, should have our prayers, also our means to educate them to do the work of Him who called them.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Received and ordered on the Minutes.
Recess for thirty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. J. M. Long read the

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Intemperance feel their inability to write on such an important subject, but when we consider our duty and the growing evil, we ask your prayers in putting it down. It causes so many of our intelligent young men to fill a drunkard's grave: it causes children to suffer for bread and go in tatters and rags. Brethren, this ought not so to be. It causes men who would be of great value to be brought to a low degree. And then think that some of our brethren will contend for the moderate drink to brighten their ideas. It will cause them to love folly rather than God. Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, and try to escape the fires of the last day. If four drinks will make a man drunk and he takes one, he is one-fourth drunk. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

After remarks by Rev. D. L. Hewett and Rev. J. Soles, was received and ordered on Minutes.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder L. Sellers, accompanied with Elder J. A. Mints, would preach at the stand at 1:30 o'clock this P. M.

Bro. R. W. Long read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals find that a great many of the members of our church are not reading religious papers, but are giving their time and their means to the purchase and reading of political papers. We advise the members of our church to devote more of their time and means to the purchase and reading of religious papers and less to political. We believe that by so doing you will benefit our church and Association. We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* and other denominational papers. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Received and ordered on the Minutes.
The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Correspondence—Isaac Jenrette, Jr.
On Special Changes—Isaac Jenrette, Jr.

Bro. J. M. Long read the

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Dear Brethren: When we look around us we are convinced of the fact that there are many orphans in the bounds of our Association that need help and should be cared for, and that we as Baptists should provide for their care and education. It is our duty as Christians, brethren and sisters, to contribute to their support. knowing that we ourselves are orphans and that God cares for us; and knowing that who stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

After remarks by Rev. J. Soles and Bro. J. M. Long, was received and ordered on the Minutes.

Bro. W. S. Milliken read the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee would submit the following on Missions:

There has already been so much said and written upon this important subject that there seems to be more room for practicing what has already been said than for writing anything more. There is a mighty go as well as come expressed in the Gospel of Christ. It is go preach, go into the highways and go into all the world. The command of Jesus is to us, His power for us, and His blessing will follow us. But many Christians and churches have no blessings; they do not obey and consequently impracticably destroy the whole force of these weighty words; while many of us have been blessed by Divine grace to witness the moral, social and political changes which, for extent and rapidity of effect, are being made by its teaching. Let us raise ourselves to more exalted views of Christ and of His present power with us in cultivating this grand missionary spirit in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Received and ordered on Minutes.

Bro. G. W. Sellers read the

REPORT ON PRAYER-MEETINGS.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Prayer-meetings feel it their duty to urge on our churches the necessity of this important work, not in prayer-meetings only, but we do feel that it is the duty of the head of all families belonging to the Baptist Church to practice it around their hearthstone.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death,
He enters heaven with prayer."

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by Rev. D. L. Hewett.

Received and ordered on Minutes.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elders P. Milliken and A. A. Edwards would preach to-morrow, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M.

Bro. G. T. Hickman read the

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

Your committee feel proud that the Baptists of our State have not forgotten our wornout ministers that have given the best part of their lives to the Master's work. Therefore, your committee would recommend and earnestly entreat that all the churches arouse up to their full diligence in this important work, and take up a collection at least once a year for their support.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Received and ordered on the Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Cape Fear Association, T. Lewis; to the Columbus Association, J. M. Long; to the Waccamaw Association, Joseph Bennett.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your Committee on Special Changes beg to submit the following:

We find in the different church letters that seven have passed from time to eternity since our last meeting, as follows: Shiloh, two; Mill Creek, one; Beulah, one; Soldier Bay, one; Shallotte, one; New Life, one.

While we mourn the parting with loved ones, let us hope and pray to meet again. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We beg to submit our report for this Associational year as follows:

We find that our churches are being supplied with regular preaching. We have endeavored to accomplish the mission work by co-operating with pastors and churches.

Your committee recommend that all of our churches aid Shiloh church in sustaining her pastor, as many of the members of that church are paupers of the county, living at the home of the aged and infirm of the county. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received as follows:

Minute fund	$17 10
Orphanage	1 15
Associational Missions for Pastor of Shiloh church	1 80
Total	$20 05

Paid the same to Treasurer, for which we hold his receipt.

COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee as follows:

Minute fund	$17 10
Orphanage	1 15
For Pastor Shiloh church	1 80
Total	$20 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Clerk for having Minutes printed, distributing Minutes and for his services as Clerk	$17 10
Sent Thomasville Orphanage	1 15
Paid Rev. D. L. Hewett, Pastor Shiloh church	1 80
Total	$20 05

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC JENRETTE, JR,
Treasurer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the church at Soldier Bay and the community at large for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body while in session.

On motion, that the location of the next session be taken up, which resulted in the selection of Long Branch, Brunswick County, N. C., beginning on Friday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1894. Elder Nathan Milliken to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. A. Mints, alternate.

Ordered, that the Clerk have the Rules of Order and Constitution printed as amended.

Ordered, that the Clerk have three hundred copies of the Minutes of this session of the Association printed and distribute the same.

Delegates to the State Convention, A. C. Mears and R. W. Long.

To the Southern Baptist Convention, A. A. Edwards.

On motion, all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, adjourned till time and place of next meeting.

"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow." Thus closed the seventh annual session of the Brunswick Association.

REV. A. A. EDWARDS,
Moderator.

ISAAC JENRETTE, JR., *Clerk.*

SUNDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Rev. J. Soles opened services by reading the 8th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Hymn, "Oh, for a closer walk with God." Prayer, Rev. J. Soles leading. Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." After which, Rev. A. G. Stocks preached to a large and attentive congregation. Text, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." After which the 703d hymn was sung, and a collection taken up for the benefit of Sister Harrell, widow, amounting to $11.70.

The choir sang, "God be with you till we meet again," while the brethren took the parting hand, and we trust all may meet in heaven where congregations never break up and Sabbaths have no end.

REV. A. A. EDWARDS,
Moderator.

ISAAC JENRETTE, JR., *Clerk.*

RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together, and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

SEC. 2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator or whomsoever he may choose.

SEC. 3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

SEC. 4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

SEC. 5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

SEC. 6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

SEC. 7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered, then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

SEC. 8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

SEC. 9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall take precedence in the order in which they are stated.

SEC. 10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority, may move a reconsideration.

SEC. 11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

SEC. 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority vote.

SEC. 13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

SEC. 14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Brunswick Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year, and of Sunday-schools.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and a Secretary-Treasurer.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall preside at all the meetings of this body.

ART. 7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the body. He shall, during all the sessions of the same, keep a faithful record of the proceedings, and have the Minutes published and distributed to the churches according to the amount paid by each for that purpose. For this he shall be paid $15 each year out of the Minute fund. He shall receive and pay over to the proper parties all the money contributed by the churches, and make an annual report of the same to the Association.

ART. 8. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and to disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their doings.

ART. 9. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual sessions of this body shall commence on Friday after the fourth Sunday in October at such place as the Association may select.

ART. 13. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.	Total.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Beulah	J. A. Mints, Shallotte	B. J. Bennett, Iredell	$ 15 75	$	$	$	$ 15 75		2	1	7	5	1	22	53	75
Chapel Hill	J. T. Cains, Bald Landing, S. C	G. W. Sellers, Shallotte	60 00				60 00	4	5	1				32	47	79
Friendship	E. W. Wooten, Wooten	J. M. Long, Shallotte	60 00	3 25	1 00	1 50	65 75							18	10	28
Long Branch	J. A. Mints, Shallotte	I. Jenrette, Iredell	14 00				14 00		3	1	11	1		32	31	63
Magnolia	J. H. Long, Excelsior	J. T. Simmons, Old Dock	12 00	50 00			62 00	4	2		4	3		22	22	44
Mill Creek	A. A. Edwards, Winnabow	G. T. Hickman, Winnabow	20 00				20 00	1	1	3	8	3	1	27	51	78
New Britain	D. H. Hilbern, Bladenboro	W. S. Milliken, Excelsior	18 00	2 00			20 00		4		2	3		46	90	136
New Life	E. L. Swain, Shallotte	C. W. Caison, Exum	20 25	5 15			25 40	4	1	1		2	1	24	23	47
Poly Bridge	P. Milliken, Loris, S. C.	W. McKeithan, Eoka	8 90				8 90		1					24	38	62
Prospect	D. L. Hewett, Shallotte	O. T. Simmons, Supply	20 85				20 85							15	18	33
Shallotte	S. J. Cains, Daisy, S. C.	I. Milliken, Shallotte	48 00	8 00			56 00		1		2	1	1	41	64	105
Shiloh	D. L. Hewett, Shallotte	A. W. Clemmons											2	14	13	27
Soldier Bay	C. Milliken, Ash	J. R. Stanley, Ash	13 90				13 90	5	3	1	1		1	40	46	86

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	School Expenses	No. Volumes in Library.	No. Kind Words and other Papers Taken.	No. Months Kept Open.
Beulah	A. C. Mears, Calabash, N. C.		14	14	28	$ 4 20			6
Chapel Hill	T. Lewis, Shallotte, N. C.		6	47	53				
Friendship	J. M. Long, Shallotte, N. C			23	23				
Long Branch	T. B. Stanley, Iredell, N. C.	I. Jenrette, Iredell, N. C.	10	47	57	9 86	65	25	9
Mill Creek	D. P. Robbins	D. M. Robbins	8	59	67	1 53	16	22	12
Poly Bridge	B. J. Simmons, Eoka, N. C.								
Prospect	R. B. Clemmons, Supply, N. C.		5	32	37	7 06	75		12
Shallotte	R. R. Milliken, Shallote, N. C.								
Shiloh	B. B. Atkinson, Supply, N. C.	B. L. Edwards, Supply, N. C.	5	20	25				
Soldier Bay	G. B. Ward, Ash, N. C	J. R. Stanly, Ash, N. C		31	31				